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        CONFIGURATION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated 4/08/02.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 4 with:

The link devices for which the invention provides link driver configuration may comprise the same or different types. In cases where the link devices are the same type, the invention configures the link driver for each link device according to the behavior of the link device (e.g., the type of communication carried out by the link device) as well as the capabilities of the link device. For example, in a module having first and second nodes, each node having a link device, the first node may be configured for asynchronous communication, while the second node may be configured for isochronous communication. Even though the link device in the first node is identical to the link device in the second node, the invention may provide link driver configuration

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